IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS

MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY

LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 3:16-md-2738-FLW-

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MDL No. 2738

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STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED JOINT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2021 STATUS CONFERENCE

I. STAGE ONE AND STAGE TWO DISCOVERY POOL CASES.

A. Stage One Cases

931 cases remain in the original randomly selected pool of 1,000 cases. Motions to dismiss remain pending in 44 cases for failure to fully comply with the Court's Orders regarding case-specific discovery. The motions are fully briefed (12 cases) or unopposed (32 cases), and therefore ripe for decision.

B. Stage Two Cases

Case specific depositions are continuing up to the deadline of February 28. On February 15, the parties submitted their proposals on categorizing cases for trial selection and further motions.

II. GRID PROTOCOL.

The parties have been working together to come up with a protocol for handling available TEM grids pertaining to the talcum powder samples that are the subject of the January 31, 2018 protocol. The parties are close to completing this protocol but may have a couple of issues to raise with the Court.

III. POST-BIFURCATION DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY.

Following the Court's *Daubert* decision in April 2020, the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) sought to conduct liability depositions to prepare for bellwether trials and to further prepare a trial package for cases that may be remanded from this Court. Recognizing that this case had been bifurcated, Judge Pisano issued a letter order on January 28, 2021 (Dkt. No. 16468), permitting the requested depositions and further allowing the PSC to cross-notice and participate in generic corporate depositions that are being noticed in state court.

Following the issuance of Judge Pisano's Order, the PSC has been conferring with the Johnson & Johnson defendants ("J&J") on scheduling and other issues related to the coordination of federal and state depositions of J&J corporate witnesses.

IV. REPORT ON FEDERAL DOCKET.

As of January 26, 2021: There are currently 22,331 cases pending in the MDL in which the Johnson & Johnson defendants have been served or in which plaintiffs from multi-plaintiff cases pending in the MDL have filed Short Form Complaints on individual dockets and have not served the Johnson & Johnson defendants (and have opened case numbers), totaling 22,697 plaintiffs.

V. STATE COURT LITIGATION.

As of January 26, 2021:

California: There are approximately 616 ovarian cancer cases involving 679 plaintiffs pending in the California coordinated proceeding, *Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Cases*.

Delaware: There are currently 9 consolidated cases pending in the Superior Court of Delaware in which the Johnson & Johnson defendants have been served.

Missouri: There are currently 25 cases, with a total of 796 plaintiffs pending in the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, St. Louis (City) in which the Johnson & Johnson defendants have been served. There are currently two cases with a total of 38 plaintiffs pending in the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court, Jefferson County in which the Johnson & Johnson defendants have been served. On November 3, 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court declined to review the decision of a lower appellate court

in *Ingham v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.*, affirming the decision of a trial court in favor of plaintiffs, subject to a remittitur of the verdict. The defendants intend to file a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. Trial involving plaintiffs in *Forrest v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.*, is set to commence on April 4, 2021.

New Jersey: There are currently 1175 cases pending in the Atlantic County Superior Court Multicounty Litigation, *In re: Talc-Based Powder Products Litigation*, Case No. 300. On August 5, 2020 the NJ Appellate Division reversed the trial court that excluded plaintiffs' experts and granted the Johnson & Johnson defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment in the *Carl* and *Balderrama* cases. The New Jersey Supreme Court denied the Johnson & Johnson Defendants' Petition for Certification on January 29, 2021. The remaining cases have been stayed in the law division pending completion of the appellate process.

Florida: There are 45 cases pending in Florida state court.

Georgia: There are 36 cases pending in Georgia state court.

Illinois: There are 54 cases pending in Illinois state court.

Pennsylvania: There are 24 cases pending in Pennsylvania state court.

Louisiana: There are 36 cases pending in Louisiana State Court.

Arizona: There is one case pending in Pima County, Arizona.

Rhode Island: There is one case pending in Providence County, Rhode Island.

Virginia: There is one case pending in Chesapeake County, Virginia.

VI. STATUS OF CASES RE-FILED IN THE MDL PER CMO.

There are 26 cases where plaintiffs who were previously part of a multiplaintiff complaint have filed Short Form Complaints in this MDL proceeding but have not complied with CMO 8 in either serving the Short Form Complaint on defendants or filing a notice of filing on the master docket. See CMO 8, ¶¶ 1 and 5 (requiring plaintiffs to file Short Form Complaints pursuant to CMO 2 and to serve these complaints pursuant to CMO 3); see also CMO 3, ¶¶ 3 and 4 (requiring filing

of an ECF notice if the original service of process was proper or requiring service of process where the original complaint was not properly served). Of the 26 cases, 24 are subject to the Court's November 12, 2020 Order and potentially subject to dismissal.

Defendants provided plaintiffs with the list of the 26 cases referenced above on February 10, and plaintiffs have requested that the parties confer on the appropriate next steps.

VII. SEVERANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the November 12, 2020 Order, the clerk's office was directed to assign individual docket numbers and transfer information for certain cases listed on the Order. (*See* Nov. 12, 2020 Order at Exhibit B, Column D) Based on a review of these cases, it does not appear that the clerk's office has done so yet. The parties seek the Court's guidance on the appropriate way to request that the clerk's office assign individual docket numbers and transfer information in these cases.

VIII. DUPLICATE FILED CASES.

There are 363 plaintiffs in this MDL who have multiple cases pending. 88 plaintiffs have duplicate filed MDL cases and 275 plaintiffs have cases filed in the MDL and state court. The parties are currently conferring on two proposed orders dismissing duplicate filed cases.

IX. STATUS OF PENDING MOTIONS.

The list of motions pending in individual cases is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As to case-specific remand motions, on July 31, 2020 and at the Court's request, the Johnson & Johnson defendants submitted its analysis of the impact of Chief Judge Wolfson's June 29, 2020 opinion on the remaining remand motions to determine which are now moot based on that opinion and which remain to be decided on the merits. On November 23, 2020, plaintiffs submitted their analysis of this issue.

The PSC's Motion for Leave to Amend the Master Complaint is fully briefed.

PCPC's Motion for Summary Judgment is fully briefed.

On January 29, 2021, PCPC, with the consent of the Plaintiff's counsel Fears Nachawati Law Firm PLLC, requested that, pursuant to Case Management Order No. 10 [Dkt. No. 4767] entered on February 22, 2018 ("CMO 10"), based on lack of personal jurisdiction, the Clerk of the Court enter dismissals without prejudice of PCPC only as a defendant in 3,247 lawsuits identified in Exhibit A to PCPC's submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

STATUS OF PENDING MOTIONS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Abram, Edwina, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.	3:20-cv-01276	Motion to Remand filed February 11, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston, LLC's Renewed Motion to Dismiss. Fully Briefed.
	,	PTI Union, LLC's Renewed Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Petition for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.
		Plaintiffs filed responses in opposition to PTI Royston, LLC's and PTI Union, LLC's Renewed Motions to Dismiss on March 23, 2020.
Akins, Diane, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.	3:19-cv-16059	Motion to Remand filed on August 29, 2019. Fully Briefed.
ui.		PTI Royston, LLC's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed August 29, 2019. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Union, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Petition for Failure to State a Claim filed on August 29, 2019. Fully Briefed.
		Plaintiffs filed responses in opposition to PTI Royston, LLC's and PTI Union, LLC's Renewed Motions to Dismiss on September 23, 2019.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Stalnaker, Velma ,et al.	3:20-cv-06780	Plaintiff's Motion to Remand filed July 2, 2020.
v. Johnson & Johnson,		Briefing previously stayed pending resolution of
et al.		the motions for reconsideration.
		PTI Royston, LLC's Renewed Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and Failure to State a Claim filed July 6, 2020. Fully Briefed
		PRI Union, LLC's Renewed Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and Failure to State a Claim filed July 6, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		Plaintiffs filed responses in opposition to PTI Royston, LLC's and PTI Union, LLC's Renewed Motions to Dismiss on July 20, 2020.
Cox, Martha	3:20-cv-06779	Motion to Remand filed July 20, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.
Denney, Connie	3:20-cv-06781	Motion to Remand filed July 20, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.
Fust, Carol	3:20-cv-12394	Motion to Remand filed on September 8, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim filed October 8, 2020. Fully briefed as of November 24, 2020.
Gregory, Sonna	3:20-cv-10112	Motion to Remand filed on September 8, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Sumner, Cheryl	3:20-cv-06825	Motion to Remand filed July 20, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.
Weaver, Tammy	3:20-cv-03744	Motion to Remand filed June 1, 2020. Fully Briefed.
		PTI Royston LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. Fully Briefed.
Bennington, Stavroula	18-cv-00012	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Unopposed and the deadline for filing an opposition has passed.
Carter, Diane	17-cv-10456	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Unopposed and the deadline for filing an opposition has passed.
Castillo, Lorraine	19-cv-00576	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Unopposed and the deadline for filing an opposition has passed.
Coleman, Georgia	19-cv-14466	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Unopposed and the deadline for filing an opposition has passed.
Dobrzelewski, Lynn	19-cv-19637	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). The opposition deadline was October 19, 2020, and plaintiff did not file any opposition. Plaintiffs oppose the Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiff passed away and counsel is trying to determine correct heirs at law and is planning to file suggestion of death and additional causes of action.

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Douglas, Matrelle	19-cv-14560	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Ellis, Melissa	17-cv-06861	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Gomez, Maria	17-cv-10889	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Harris, Charles	17-cv-01502	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
(Jeanne Harris)		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Hartman, Harry	20-cv-01264	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
(Pamela L. Hartman)		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Hykes, Scarlet	19-cv-12734	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed. Plaintiffs do not oppose.
Jackson, Melinda	20-cv-02191	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
·		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Johnson, Elizabeth	17-cv-10381	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Jones, Robert (Jane	19-cv-20641	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
High)		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.

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Martin, Alison	17-cv-09917	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
O'Miller, Katie	18-cv-11020	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Recio, Christina	19-cv-12775	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed. Plaintiffs do not oppose.
Richards, Duane	18-cv-14654	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Savage, Catherine	19-cv-13168	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Stafford, Terri	17-cv-09730	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Stuart, Helen (Sandra	20-cv-00463	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
Dunaway)		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Swangim, Jerrianne	18-cv-05588	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Tate, Roxane	19-cv-16826	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Taylor, Jennifer	20-cv-02662	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
·		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Tyrrell, Ashley	20-cv-01552	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Underwood, Regina	19-cv-22099	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Whitley, Lois	19-cv-18063	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Williams, Andrea	19-cv-17011	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Williams, Rosie	19-cv-12031	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed and the deadline for filing an
		opposition has passed.
Baxter, Corrine	17-cv-07780	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed – Per response filed on 9/29/20,
		plaintiff no longer wishes to pursue the case and
		does not oppose dismissal.
Joseph, Shintelle	16-cv-07465	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b).
		Unopposed – Per response filed on 9/29/20,
		plaintiff is unresponsive and plaintiff's counsel
		has no opposition to motion.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Stallings, Elizabeth	18-cv-00274	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Unopposed – Per response filed on 9/21/20, plaintiff no longer wishes to pursue the case and does not oppose dismissal.
Stewart, Kevin (Kathlene Stewart)	19-cv-17655	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). The extension deadline has passed and the discovery deficiencies remain unresolved. Plaintiff's counsel advised that she cannot locate a next of kin. The case should now be dismissed.
Wagoner, Earline	18-cv-05820	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). The extension deadline has passed and the discovery deficiencies remain unresolved. The case should now be dismissed.
Brundidge, Betty	18-cv-15736	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully Briefed.
Bynam, Denise	19-cv-13428	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully Briefed.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
Crumpton, Dorothy	18-cv-11058	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
		Briefed. Plaintiff passed away more than one
		year ago in October 2019, and no suggestion of
		death or motion to substitute have been filed. The
		case remains deficient for failure to submit
		supporting documents as the PPF verification and
		medical authorization are not signed by a court-
		appointed estate representative and are therefore
		unusable. The case should now be dismissed with
		prejudice.
		Plaintiff Opposed to Defendant's Motion to
		Dismiss. Plaintiff cured deficiencies pursuant to a
		letter dated November 22, 2020 and subsequently
		uploaded necessary documents to MDL
		Centrality.
Feldman, Ann Marie	20-cv-01339	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
		Briefed.
Freeman, Sharon	17-cv-13814	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
		Briefed.
Mall, Karen	18-cv-13486	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
D 1 16 1 11	10 15150	Briefed.
Rodgers, Michelle	19-cv-15158	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
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Walker, Roger (Nola	19-cv-05458	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
Walker)		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
Wallson Carrels	16 av 00062	Briefed.
Walker, Sarah	16-cv-08963	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One
		Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully
		Briefed.

Case Name	Case No.	Status of Pending Motions
White, Karen	19-cv-21555	J&J Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Stage One Discovery Pool case Pursuant to Rule 41(b). Fully Briefed. Plaintiff passed away more than one year ago in January 2020, and no suggestion of death or motion to substitute have been filed. The case remains deficient for failure to submit
		supporting documents as the PPF verification and medical authorization are not signed by a court-appointed estate representative and are therefore unusable. The case should now be dismissed with prejudice.
		Plaintiff Opposed to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiff cured deficiencies pursuant to a letter dated November 22, 2020 and subsequently uploaded necessary documents to MDL Centrality.